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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ON U.S. URANIUM
ENRICHMENT CAPACITY
REF: STATE 145886
FOR TOKYO AND ROME PLEASE PASS TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS.
1. THE FOL INFO EMBARGOED FOR RELEASE UNTIL 11:15 A.M.
WASHINGTON, D.C. TIME, THURSDAY, JUNE 26.

2. PRESIDENT NOW PLANS ANNOUNCE ON THURSDAY, 26 JUNE
ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS AND A LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL TO:
(A) INCREASE US CAPACITY TO PRODUCE ENRICHED URANIUM
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TO FUEL DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS;
(B) RETAIN US LEADERSHIP AS A WORLD SUPPLIER OF URANIUM
ENRICHMENT SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY FOR PEACEFUL USES OF
NUCLEAR POWER; AND (C) ASSURE CREATION UNDER APPROPRIATE

CONTROLS, OF PRIVATE, COMPETITIVE URANIUM ENRICHMENT
INDUSTRY IN THE U.S.

3. PRINCIPAL ELEMENTS OF PRESIDENTIAL PLAN ARE:

(A) REQUEST FOR PROMPT ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY
TO ENABLE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION
(ERDA) TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WITH PRIVATE
INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS TO BUILD, OWN AND OPERATE URANIUM

PLANTS; (B) A PLEDGE TO DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN CUSTOMERS
WHO PLACE ORDERS WITH PRIVATE US SUPPLIERS THAT US
GOVERNMENT WILL ASSURE THAT ORDERS WILL BE FILLED AS
SERVICES ARE NEEDED; AND (C) INCLUSION OF NECESSARY
CONTROLS AND SAFEGUARDS TO ASSURE PREVENTION OF DIVERSION
OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND COMPLIANCE WITH APPROPRIATE
ENVIRONMENTAL, SAFETY AND ANTI-TRUST REQUIREMENTS.
FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN PRIVATE URANIUM ENRICHMENT VENTURES
WOULD BE ENCOURAGED, WITH RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON THAT IN-
VESTMENT TO ASSURE, AS REQUIRED BY US ATOMIC ENERGY
ACT, THAT CONTROL OF THE VENTURE WILL REMAIN WITH US
INTERESTS.

4. PRESIDENT WILL ANNOUNCE SEVERAL ADMINISTRATIVE
ACTIONS BEING TAKEN NOW TO IMPLEMENT THIS PLAN: (A)
ERDA WILL RESPOND FORMALLY TO PROPOSAL FROM URANIUM
ENRICHMENT ASSOCIATES (UEA) OFFERING TO ENTER INTO
NEGOTIATIONS WHICH COULD LEAD TO CONSTRUCTION
BY UEA

OF \$3.5 BILLION PLANT BASED ON GASEOUS DIFFUSION TECH-
NOLOGY AND WHICH COULD BE ON LINE BY 1983; (B) ERDA
WILL ISSUE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FROM INDUSTRIAL FIRMS
INTERESTED IN CONSTRUCTING ENRICHMENT FACILITIES USING
GAS CENTRIFUGE TECHNOLOGY; AND (C) PUBLICATION BY ERDA
ON JUNE 30 FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT OF A DRAFT ENVIRON-
MENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT CONCERNING EXPANSION OF ENRICH-
MENT CAPACITY. IN ADDITION, BACK-UP EFFORTS WILL
CONTINUE TO HELP ASSURE THAT CAPACITY WOULD BE READY
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IN UNLIKELY EVENT THAT INDUSTRIAL EFFORTS FALTER.

5. COPIES OF PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENT AND RELATED FACT
SHEET WILL BE PROVIDED ADDRESSEES WHEN RELEASED.

6. ADDRESSEE POSTS SHOULD REVIEW ABOVE INFO WITH AP-
PROPRIATE HOST GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY OFFICIALS AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER EMBARGO EXPIRATION EMPHASIZING
THAT THIS ACTION MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR FOREIGN CUSTOMERS
TO UNDERTAKE NEGOTIATIONS WITH US SUPPLIERS FOR LONG-
TERM PROVISION OF URANIUM ENRICHING SERVICES. POSTS
SHOULD ADD THAT CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO WITH PRIVATE

ENRICHERS BEFORE LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL IS GIVEN WOULD
IN ALL LIKELIHOOD BE CONTINGENT UPON OBTAINING APPRO-
PRIATE CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION. HOWEVER, THESE
CONTRACTS WOUL
BE COVERED BY THE PRESIDENTIAL
SUPPLY ASSURANCE NOTED UNDER 3(B) ABOVE. KISSINGER

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